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# IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA

STATE OF ARIZONA,

Plaintiff,

v.

MARY ELLEN BECK,

Defendant.

Case No:

78 SGJ 20

**INDICTMENT** 

CHARGING VIOLATIONS OF:

**COUNT 1: FRAUDULENT SCHEMES AND ARTIFICES**, a Class 2 Felony in violation of A.R.S. § 13-2310;

**COUNT 2: FRAUDULENT SCHEMES AND PRACTICES**, a Class 5 Felony in violation of A.R.S. § 13-2311;

**COUNT 3: THEFT**, a Class 3 Felony in violation of A.R.S. § 13-1802;

COUNTS 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8: FORGERY, a Class 4 Felony in violation of A.R.S. § 13-2002;

**COUNT 9: MONEY LAUNDERING**, a Class 3 Felony in violation of A.R.S. § 13-2317.

The Arizona State Grand Jury accuses **MARY ELLEN BECK**, charging on this <u>15<sup>th</sup></u> day of December, 2015, that in or from Maricopa County, Arizona:

## COUNT 1 FRAUDULENT SCHEMES AND ARTIFICES

On or between August 14, 2012, and May 28, 2015, **MARY ELLEN BECK**, pursuant to a scheme or artifice to defraud, knowingly obtained a benefit by means of false or fraudulent pretenses, representations, promises or material omissions, in violation of A.R.S. §§ 13-2310, 13-701, 13-702, and 13-801.

#### COUNT 2

#### FRAUDULENT SCHEMES AND PRACTICES

On or between August 14, 2012, and May 28, 2015, **MARY ELLEN BECK**, in matters related to the business conducted by any department or agency of the State of Arizona or any political subdivision thereof, pursuant to a scheme or artifice to defraud or deceive, knowingly falsified, concealed or covered up a material fact by any trick, scheme or device or made or used any false writing or document knowing such writing or document contained any false, fictitious or fraudulent statement or entry, in violation of A.R.S. §§ 13-2311, 13-2310, 13-2001, 13-2002, 13-701, 13-702, and 13-801.

# COUNT 3 THEFT

On or between August 14, 2012, and May 28, 2015, **MARY ELLEN BECK** knowingly controlled property of another with the intent to deprive the other person of such property; or knowingly obtained property of another by means of any material misrepresentation with the intent to deprive the other person of such property, in violation of A.R.S. §§ 13-1802, 13-1801, 13-701, 13-702, and 13-801.

This conduct occurred when MARY ELLEN BECK received money orders, having an aggregate value of \$4,000 or more but less than \$25,000, from the following individuals: Douglas Adams; Colin Amann; Jeffrey Baker; Howard Breen; Chris Christean; Nancy Flynn; James Gappa; Marieangel Gomez; Tyler Jensen; Christopher Kieffner; Jake Korzendorfer; Daniel Lyman; Katherine MacKay; Thomas Mancuso; Jeff Ostlund; Morgan Ottersbach; Daniel Robinson; Gregory Smithwick; Laurie Snitko; Dylan Votaw; Robert Welsh; John Wescott; Jan Zalinski; Joshua Hernandez; Ralph Alvarez; Sheryl Armstrong; Jacob Benhart; Jeremy Clark; Andrew Goldenson; Joseph Jones; Gus Meyers; Austin Schadt; Aaron Torres; Terrance Vanyo; Ryan White; Steve Whyte; Nathan Urrechaga; Kelly Hanks; Bradley Duncan; Jason Brandon; Scott Sharp; and Jason Albera. Said money orders were intended for payment to the State of Arizona, and MARY ELLEN BECK and converted said money orders for her personal benefit.

## COUNT 4 FORGERY

On or about November 18, 2014, **MARY ELLEN BECK**, with the intent to defraud, falsely made, completed or altered a written instrument; or knowingly possessed a forged instrument; or offered or presented a forged instrument, in violation of A.R.S. §§ 13-2002, 13-2001, 13-701, 13-702, and 13-801.

This conduct occurred when MARY ELLEN BECK caused her name to be inserted as payee on Chase money order #9403403478, which was intended for payment to the State of Arizona, and MARY ELLEN BECK presented said money order for deposit in her personal bank account.

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#### COUNT 5 FORGERY

On or about January 8, 2015, **MARY ELLEN BECK**, with the intent to defraud, falsely made, completed or altered a written instrument; or knowingly possessed a forged instrument; or offered or presented a forged instrument, in violation of A.R.S. §§ 13-2002, 13-2001, 13-701, 13-702, and 13-801.

This conduct occurred when MARY ELLEN BECK caused her name to be inserted as payee on Western Union money order #17-147745944, which was intended for payment to the State of Arizona, and MARY ELLEN BECK presented said money order for deposit in her personal bank account.

## COUNT 6 FORGERY

On or about May 12, 2015, **MARY ELLEN BECK**, with the intent to defraud, falsely made, completed or altered a written instrument; or knowingly possessed a forged instrument; or offered or presented a forged instrument, in violation of A.R.S. §§ 13-2002, 13-2001, 13-701, 13-702, and 13-801.

This conduct occurred when MARY ELLEN BECK caused her name to be inserted as payee on Western Union money order #17-197567020, which was intended for payment to the State of Arizona, and MARY ELLEN BECK presented said money order for deposit in her personal bank account.

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#### COUNT 7 FORGERY

On or about May 28, 2015, **MARY ELLEN BECK**, with the intent to defraud, falsely made, completed or altered a written instrument; or knowingly possessed a forged instrument; or offered or presented a forged instrument, in violation of A.R.S. §§ 13-2002, 13-2001, 13-701, 13-702, and 13-801.

This conduct occurred when MARY ELLEN BECK caused her name to be inserted as payee on Desert Schools Federal Credit Union money order #5040018506, which was intended for payment to the State of Arizona, and MARY ELLEN BECK presented said money order for deposit in her personal bank account.

#### COUNT 8 FORGERY

On or about May 28, 2015, **MARY ELLEN BECK**, with the intent to defraud, falsely made, completed or altered a written instrument; or knowingly possessed a forged instrument; or offered or presented a forged instrument, in violation of A.R.S. §§ 13-2002, 13-2001, 13-701, 13-702, and 13-801.

This conduct occurred when MARY ELLEN BECK caused her name to be inserted as payee on Desert Schools Federal Credit Union money order #5040018508, which was intended for payment to the State of Arizona, and MARY ELLEN BECK presented said money order for deposit in her personal bank account.

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## COUNT 9 MONEY LAUNDERING

On or between August 14, 2012, and May 28, 2015, **MARY ELLEN BECK** acquired or maintained an interest in, transacted in, transferred, transported, received, or concealed the existence or nature of racketeering proceeds knowing or having reason to know that they are proceeds of an offense, in violation of A.R.S. §§ 13-2317(B), 13-2301, 13-1802, 13-2002, 13-2310, 13-701, 13-702, and 13-801.

This conduct occurred when MARY ELLEN BECK received money orders intended for payment to the State of Arizona, and converted those proceeds for her personal benefit by depositing said proceeds in her personal bank account.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 21-425, the State Grand Jurors find that the offenses described above were committed in Maricopa County, Arizona.

A True Bill")

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Dated: 12-15-2015

Foreperson of the State Grand Jury